

MARNE CARNAGE MAY BE REPEATED

LULL IN ARTILLERY DUEL MEANS TREMENDOUS INFANTRY ADVANCE

GERMANS ADMIT SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION, BUT CLAIM CONDITION NOW REMEDIED; POSITION IS IMPREGNABLE

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, SEPT. 19.—(2:47 p. m.)—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE GERMANS ARE STRONGLY ENTRENCHING THE AISNE WITH REINFORCEMENTS FROM LORRAINE.

THIS AFTERNOON'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT CLAIMS THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE'S ARMY CONTINUES RETREATING ON THE GERMAN LEFT. IT SAYS THAT EACH ARMY IS DELIVERING ONLY PARTIAL ATTACKS ON THE OTHER WITHOUT DECISIVE RESULTS EITHER WAY. THE ONLY CONFLICT IN THE FRENCH AND GERMAN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY WAS AT NOYEN, WHERE BOTH SIDES CLAIMED TO BE GAINING.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, SEPT. 19.—THE OFFICIAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED. THE BRITISH REPULSED A COUNTER ATTACK LAST NIGHT. THE WEATHER IS BAD, RAIN FALLING CONTINUOUSLY.

BERLIN, SEPT. 19.—IN THE BATTLE ON THE AISNE THE GERMANS STORM BEAUMONT CAPTURING 2,500 FRENCH.

TOKIO, SEPT. 19.—JAPANESE TROOPS LANDED ON LAO SHAN BAY AND CAPTURED THE KIAO CHOW RAILWAY STATION.

ANTWERP, SEPT. 19.—IT IS REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS ABANDON TERMONDE AND LONDERZEEL.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, SEPT. 19.—The latest official reports tell of a lull in the titanic artillery duel at the battle on the Aisne. This is taken to indicate that today's fighting may consist of a tremendous infantry advance such as made the Marne battlefield a scene of indescribable carnage.

Berlin dispatches are more confident, asserting that the allies have "spotted their bolt" and are weakening. The Germans now admit they were short of ammunition, but claim that this has been remedied and their ranks refilled with fresh troops as fast as the allies mow them down, while the allies have not enough men thus to replenish their gaps.

One cause of the slackening of the artillery may be the downpour of rain, beginning last night probably filling many of the German trenches with water, greatly diminishing their advantage.

The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent says the French artillery have not yet mastered the German trenches, which hide heavy guns deep in the woods, and mask the infantry on the edges of the forest. French charges, he says, sometimes drive into the heart of the woods before being spent. The German counter attacks are mostly at night.

The Times man at Etampes describes four days' fighting for possession of an old chateau on the top of a ridge six miles east of Sezanne. The Germans first captured it. French cannon then breached the walls. The French charged, fighting hand to hand on the lawns and gardens in the breach, recapturing the place. The Germans again drove out the French, who on the fourth day won the ridge by destroying the chateau artillery.

The French-Turcos are natural knife-fighters. They frequently threw away their guns at close quarters, using their daggers with terrible skill.

Unofficial counts estimate the losses of the allies at 50,000 men, and the German losses at 100,000.

No accurate count of the loss of life, however is yet available. Stories told by individual wounded indicate that an official estimates are conservative. The Times correspondent at Sezanne says the dead are so numerous that German prisoners are used by the French to find and bury the slain Germans. There appear to be almost innumerable burial trenches, each about 150 yards long wherein the dead are placed shoulder to shoulder, or sometimes are piled in layers. French peasants are covering these graves with crosses and flowers.

One French officer just returned from the front asserts the possibility that both armies will soon become too exhausted to inflict further severe punishment on each other. If he speaks the truth it seems the only possible way for the allies to prevent a weary winter campaign is to strike a quick hard blow now, either breaking through the German line or turning the German right along the Aisne.

Along the Aisne the British are bearing the brunt of the German counter attack and conduct themselves brilliantly.

The Express correspondent at Soissons, describing Thursday's events, says the infantry losses must be extremely heavy. Last night an allies' aeroplane located a train filled with retreating Germans. The pilot dropped a torch indicating the range. The British artillery thereupon demolished the train.

The German position along the Aisne is extremely strong, a British officer saying to the Express correspondent: "If we held the same position we would never be shifted while our ammunition lasted. We realize the serious task which faces the allies."

ALLIES ATTEMPTING ENVELOPING MOVEMENT.

LONDON, SEPT. 19.—Renewed activity by the allies' cavalry and the significant movement of the allies northwest of the German line of communication caused reports today that the allies are attempting an enveloping movement against Von Kluck. Reports persist that the Germans continue to throw forward their men for an attack in mass formation, thus practically wasting their lives.

Unverified reports add that possibly the reason for the Austrians halting their flight toward Cracow and making the present stand is the loss of cavalry with which to cover their retreat. Przemyśl occupies the center of this reorganized Russian line, and it is said the Russians first attack is moving directly on this center.

AUSTRIANS STILL HOLD PRZEMYSL.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, SEPT. 19.—Petrograd reports the Austrians are still holding Przemyśl and have organized a new front which the Russians are preparing to attack immediately. It is rumored the Austrian cavalry has been wiped out. It is rumored also that Pola in Austria is in revolt.

ROUMANIA MAY ENTER TO AID RUSSIA.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 19.—Official advices from Roumania say there is danger that Roumania may enter the war, siding with Russia.

BANK BILL IS IMPOSSIBLE OF PASSING NOW

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Sept. 19.—House leaders agree there is no possibility of passing the central bank bill at this special session. The senate adopts a resolution to adjourn Tuesday at noon. The house passed finally the bill divorcing corporation owned gins and oil mills. The house wired a protest to Washington to the proposed war tax on warehouse receipts, stating that it would cost Texas farmers \$1,000,000.

About the House it was considered almost certain that the Governor would call another special session immediately.

It was said also there is some prospect that the bill might pass the Senate before Tuesday. Representative Jordan had passed a resolution recommending encouragement for building warehouses and the adoption of the slogan "wear cotton goods."

REPRIMAND FOR CROWN PRINCE BY EMPEROR

(By Associated Press.)

Geneva, Sept. 19.—It is reported that Emperor William reprimanded the German crown prince for exposing himself and staff to artillery fire in his eagerness to see actual fighting. Some of the staff were wounded by shells.

RIVERS-HARBORS BILL MAY BE WITHDRAWN

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—The Senate will hold an all night session in the Republican filibuster against the rivers and harbors bill. It is announced the President may have the general bill withdrawn, passing only the most necessary portions of it.

MINERS BURIED BELIEVED TODAY TO BE ALIVE

(By Associated Press.)

Eureka, Utah, Sept. 19.—Tappings were heard today in the mine where the ten miners were entombed Thursday. They had been given up for dead.

I. C. C. TO REOPEN RATE CASE Decision is Made to Again Go Into Case Wherein Railroads Want Advance.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—The Interstate Commerce commission decided today to reopen the eastern freight rate advance case, wherein the railroads wanted a 5 per cent increase.

Commissioners Adjourn.

The board of county commissioners adjourned this afternoon after a morning session and a short afternoon session, during which no business of importance was transacted. A number of bills were approved and ordered paid. The session will resume next week.

The Dallas Cotton Market.

(By Associated Press.)

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 19.—About 10,000 bales of spot cotton sales are reported from the principal Texas cities today. Prices are 8 18 to 8 3-4, middling basis.

WEATHER.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 19.—Coast weather: Tonight and Sunday, unsettled; light variable winds.

MAN.

A man is not so soon healed as hurt.

PRUDENCE.

Prudence is the charioteer of all virtue.

TALKING.

The talker sows, the listener reaps.

WOUNDED MAN TELLS OF 5 DAY BATTLE

London, Sept. 19.—The Exchange Telegraph's Paris correspondent in a dispatch received last night, says:

"A comprehensive account of a five days' battle on the Aisne river, which he described as the fiercest in the eastern hemisphere since the beginning of the present war was given by a French officer."

On the morning of September 14, the officer said the Germans called a halt, but by afternoon the battle had become general. All the next day the battle was of a ding-dong nature, the Germans evidently awaiting reinforcements. During the night, however, they delivered a furious attack on the extreme left, but British and French troops gallantly met the onslaught, repulsing the Germans no fewer than ten times with fearful losses.

The Germans still advanced, however, seeking to pierce the French line. There had been nothing like it since the beginning of the campaign. The enemy hurled dense masses of troops at us, in a supreme endeavor to check our forward progress, but when dawn came we still held the position and even had gained ground slightly.

An artillery duel was continued throughout the next day. The morning of the 17th again saw desperate fighting. This time we threw the Germans back ten kilometers, capturing some 600 men and some mitrailleuses."

NEW MENACE TO CANALS OF THE LOWER VALLEY

Water hyacinths are proving a menace to the canal lines of the Lower Rio Grande valley, according to County Commissioner J. A. Graham, and the board of county commissioners has passed an order prohibiting the growth of the plants and is also taking elaborate precautions to prevent the spread of the plant, which will grow in any body of water. Commissioner Graham has employed a man to destroy all the plants found in the San Benito neighborhood, and he has already taken from the canals perhaps ten or twelve tons of the plants.

The presence of these plants in the Valley was not discovered until recently, when the attention of the board was called to the danger of its spreading. It is understood that the United States government has spent millions in destroying the plants, and the State of Louisiana, which has been particularly afflicted, recently appropriated \$100,000 for the destruction of the plants. The plants grow so thick they often stop water transportation.

Citizens are requested to communicate with the board of commissioners when they find plants growing, and the county will have them destroyed.

Roosevelt Campaigns in Kansas.

(By Associated Press.)

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 19.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt began his Kansas campaign for the Progressive party here today.

BROWNSVILLE ALLEGED CENTER OF A COUNTER MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Huertista And Cientifico Agents Said To Have Organized A Junta In This City And To Have Held At Least One Meeting.

That Brownsville is one of the most important centers of activity in the alleged counter revolution by supposed Huertista and Cientifico agents against the Carranza government is the claim in constitutionalist circles in this city and in Matamoros. It is alleged that a junta has been organized here and has held at least one meeting, at which plans are said to have been discussed looking to the formation of a new revolt in the country across the Rio Grande.

The activity which seeks the downfall of the new provisional government in Mexico is said to have taken added headway since the announcement that the United States would withdraw her troops from Vera Cruz.

Alleged Huertistas who are said to have arrived in Brownsville since General Venustiano Carranza entered the Mexican capital are declared to be implicated in the revolt which is now thought to be in process of organization at many points along the Texas-Mexican border, from Brownsville to the California coast.

UNIT MARKETING BOARD INCLUDES CORN IN LISTS

Corn will be taken into the field of products which are protected in the Valley by the newly organized Unit Marketing System, according to news that reached The Herald last night from Col. Alba Heywood, chairman of the committee on organization of the new system. Col. Heywood stated that the action was taken at a meeting of the board of directors held at Harlingen yesterday, news having reached the association that corn dropped 20 cents a bushel, down to 45 and 50 cents, in a period of four days.

A committee composed of Col. Heywood as chairman, J. S. Cummings of Edinburg and H. W. Rose of Mercedes, were appointed to see what could be done toward leveling the price for corn, and the system will try out its plan on the prices for this product, just at this time a life-saver for the counties of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The committee will also investigate the cause of the decline in price.

Mercedes, which stood pat for the Unit Marketing System, has purchased a shelter for the purpose of doing what she could to maintain a good price for corn, and the same action was taken recently at Edinburg, which has had a shelter in operation since the opening of the season. The Valley has already shipped over 700,000 bushels of corn, and has, perhaps, that much more yet to ship, and the association is determined that the farmers shall receive prices for the product that will justify them in selling.

PLAN APPROVED FOR RAISING A HUGE FUND

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—The federal reserve board approves the bankers plan for raising \$100,000,000 in gold to meet American obligations in Europe.

It is reported from a very reliable source that United States officials are investigating the report of a counter revolution, and that secret agents of the government have uncovered information that will go far toward putting a stop to the supposed movements.

From El Paso comes the news that constitutionalist agents in that city have been advised of counter revolutionary plots in formation along the Rio Grande. Various eastern border points reported that former officials of the Huerta government, combined with the old Cientifico, were plotting against the Carranza government.

According to reports to Carranza officials in El Paso, the plotters had begun operations at New Orleans and San Antonio. At San Antonio it was said they had sought to draw \$10,000 banked before the collapse of the Huerta government. Constitutional agents at San Antonio reported that they had sought to enjoin those funds.

From the California border came reports to El Paso that persons representing themselves as agents of Jose Maria Mayorena, insurgent governor of Sonora, and Felipe Angeles, in command of General Villa's artillery, have obtained the surrender of Tina Juana, opposite San Diego, Cal.

Reports reached the consulate at El Paso of extensive armament of both the Carranza and Villa troops since the lifting of the embargo. It was reported from Galveston that a large shipment of arms and ammunition had been sent to the City of Mexico by way of Tampico. A consignment of 6000 rifles was reported to be on the way to El Paso to be sent to Villa's headquarters at Chihuahua City.

Many of the reports of the various activities along the border are credited by prominent constitutionalist sympathizers in this city, they stating that there will no doubt be many attempts to organize counter revolutions, but that it is quite probable that all will meet defeat before they have gone long, because of great alertness on the part of the United States secret service agents.

EMPEROR WILLIAM REPORTED STILL AT LUXEMBURG

(By Associated Press.)

Geneva, Sept. 19.—It is reported that Emperor William of Germany is still at Luxembourg.

French Aeroplanes Drop Steel Arrows, Bringing Out New War Terror; Are Dropped One Mile

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Showers of steel arrows dropped from French aeroplanes is the most modern war terror, according to the Municipal Medical Weekly. These arrows are of pressed steel, with a heavy head and a slender shaft about four inches long. French aviators drop them from a height of about one mile. They mushroom

out, covering a wide area on the ground when they hit.

The man telling the story said that his regiment was resting in close formation when two French aeroplanes released arrows. One German was killed and several wounded. Many crawled under wagons to escape further arrows.